

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

As part of its International Program, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) supports international scientific research and training, especially through collaborative efforts between international and U.S. scientists.

NIDA International Fellowships and Research Exchange Programs

NIDA International Program Fellowships provide unparalleled research training, while Research Exchange Programs support direct collaborations between NIDA grantees and their colleagues from other countries. Researchers who participate in NIDA international research training and exchange programs benefit from their colleagues' differing perspectives and research approaches. For more information, please visit the NIDA International Program Websites listed for each program.

✧ **NIDA International Fellowships**

- ♦ **INVEST Research Fellowships** are competitive, 12-month postdoctoral appointments to U.S. institutions for scientists from other countries. Fellows complete rigorous postdoctoral research training with a NIDA grantee, attend NIDA orientations, and participate in scientific meetings. The fellowship is fully funded by NIDA.
<http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/invest.html>
- ♦ **NIDA Hubert H. Humphrey Drug Abuse Research Fellowships** are competitive, 10-month fellowships for mid-career professionals from low- and middle-income countries. Fellows enroll in a mentored academic study at Virginia Commonwealth University, complete a research affiliation and professional experience with a NIDA-supported scientist, and participate in scientific meetings and NIDA orientations.
<http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/hhhdarf.html>

✧ **Research Exchange**

- ♦ **NIDA Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (DISCA) and NIDA U.S. Distinguished International Scientist Collaboration Awards (USDISCA)** are competitive, results- and product-oriented awards that support 1- to 3-month professional visits to advance collaborative research efforts. USDISCA is for U.S. citizens and permanent residents; DISCA is for applicants from any other country.
<http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/disca.html>

Research Grants for International Collaborations

NIDA supports research on the biomedical and behavioral causes, consequences, prevention, and treatment of drug abuse and addiction. International research is funded through two mechanisms:

- ✧ **Foreign grants** allow researchers from outside the United States to compete for funding within the NIH system. The actual research is conducted outside the United States. For a grant to be awarded to a foreign institution, the principal investigator must demonstrate a special opportunity to further drug abuse research through use of expertise, resources, populations, or environmental conditions not readily available in the United States.
- ✧ **Domestic grants with a foreign component** enable U.S.-based principal investigators to conduct cooperative international studies with foreign partners. The foreign component is part of the original grant and the entire application is scored competitively.
- ✧ **Current Program Announcements**
The NIDA International Program bimonthly E-News Letter lists relevant Program Announcements. Subscribe or visit the online archives at <http://www.international.drugabuse.gov/newsletter.html>.
 - ♦ **International Research Collaboration on Drug Addiction** solicits collaborative research proposals on drug abuse and addiction that take advantage of unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries; speed scientific discovery; and meet NIDA research priorities. Funds are available for research using three grant mechanisms:
 - **R01: PA-07-275** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-275.html>
 - **R03: PA-07-311** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-311.html>
 - **R21: PA-07-310** <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-310.html>

Fogarty International Center Opportunities for International Training or Research

The Fogarty International Center administers other NIH programs that support professional development opportunities or collaborative international research. The Fogarty International Center Website (www.fic.nih.gov) also lists other NIH opportunities and provides links to non-NIH information sources. NIDA currently participates in a number of Fogarty programs:

✧ Research Training Grants

- ✧ **AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP) Awards** support biomedical and behavioral research training in developing and transitional countries on HIV/AIDS and related tuberculosis (TB), and research on prevention of HIV infection among drug-using populations.
- ✧ **International Clinical, Operational, and Health Services Research and Training Awards (ICOHRTA)** support institutional training programs for collaborative, multidisciplinary, international research in developing and transitional countries. **ICOHRTA-AIDS/TB** awards support training to foster collaborative, multidisciplinary research in developing and transitional countries where AIDS, TB, or both are significant problems.
- ✧ **International Bioethics Education and Career Development Awards (BIOETH)** support institutional grants to develop bioethics curricula on research in low- and middle-income nations.
- ✧ The **International Collaborative Genetics Research Training Program (GENE)** provides research training and capacity building in developing and transitional countries with an existing institutional infrastructure available to sustain advances in genetic science.

✧ Research Grants

- ✧ The **Global Health Research Initiative Program for New Foreign Investigators (GRIP)** supports the return of NIH-trained foreign investigators to their home countries as part of a broader program to enhance the scientific research infrastructure in developing countries, and to stimulate research of high priority global health-related issues. Former NIDA INVEST Fellows are eligible to compete for GRIP awards.
- ✧ **Brain Disorders in the Developing World (BRAIN)** supports collaborative research and capacity-building projects on brain disorders in developing countries.
- ✧ The **Fogarty International Research Collaboration - Behavioral, Social Sciences Award (FIRCA-BSS)** and the companion **Fogarty International Research Collaboration - Basic Biomedical Award (FIRCA-BB)** facilitate collaborative research between scientists supported by NIDA and investigators in developing and transitional countries.
- ✧ The **International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups (ICBG) Program** is a unique effort that addresses the interdependent issues of drug discovery, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable economic growth.
- ✧ The **International Tobacco and Health Research and Capacity Building Program (TOBAC)** supports trans-disciplinary research on tobacco consumption in low- or middle-income nations.
- ✧ The **Stigma and Global Health Research Program (STIGMA)** supports interdisciplinary research on the etiology, prevention, or mitigation of stigma and related public health outcomes.

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